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## HUN DEFENSES FROM CAMBRAI TO ST QUEN- TIN ARE DEMOLISHED

The war situation for Wednesday is summarized by the Associated Press as follows:

The German armies are in full retreat before the British, American and French forces on the front before Cambrai and St. Quentin. Cambrai, the strong point of the enemy in this region, has been taken by the Canadians in its entirety and north of Cambrai the Canadians have deeply penetrated the German line.

Out in the open east of what once was the old Hindenburg line, cavalry is hustling the retreating foe in what virtually amounts to a rout. So fast is the retreat that columns of the allied troops in parade formation have pressed through numerous villages, completely out of contact with the Germans.

More than 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns were captured in Tuesday's fighting and the continuation of the battle Wednesday resulted in further large captures.

More than a quarter of a million men have been severely man-handled. The maximum depth of the advance is between eight and ten miles. The Germans are declared to be fleeing to the east of Le Cateau, one of the most important railroad centers in this region. Behind them the Germans are leaving the country devastated, burning towns and villages as they flee.

Successive explosions have occurred in Cambrai which, it is reported have reduced the town to ruins.

In yesterday's attack between Cambrai and St. Quentin the allied troops made 11,000 prisoners and captured 200 guns.

The London Standard says it learns that the Anglo-American advance between Cambrai and St. Quentin continues and that the big railroad town of Busigny, southwest of Le Cateau, has been taken.

London, Oct. 9.—The British foreign office has received indirect news of the fall of the Turkish cabinet.

Tewfik Pasha, who, it is reported, will be the new grand visir, is understood to have pro-Ally, rather than pro-German sympathies.

"According to advices which are not official, however, the cabinet had decided to take military measures against Bulgaria but found that the opinion of the country was against them. It is rumored that a Turkish peace note has been dispatched thru the Spanish government.

Washington, Oct. 9.—An early reply to President Wilson's note of inquiry to the German chancellor is expected by American officials. While realizing that an answer to the three pertinent questions put to the president of Baden will be very different if the original proposal of the German government were not sincere, officials are confident that internal conditions in Germany and the tremendous exigencies of the military situation will force speedy action by the chancellor if he hopes to prolong the existence of his cabinet beyond a few days.

So far as the hold of the government upon the people is concerned, conditions in Austria are even far worse than those in Germany. This fact is calculated strongly to affect the German government, which is understood to entertain grave doubts of the strength of purpose of the duel monarchy and to fear that Austria or perhaps Hungary, acting independently, will follow Bulgaria in seeking an unconditional peace. This would leave Germany to wage the war alone, for it is a foregone conclusion that Turkey already is lost to the central powers.

The pointed inquiry directed to the prince as to whether he is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empires who have so far conducted the war, will, it is believed, be very embarrassing. If the response is in the affirmative, Germany's proposal will be rejected, as the president has already given notice that he will have no dealings with such authorities.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Investment Co. was held Monday afternoon at the office of the secretary, C. B. Hamilton. The old officers were re-elected to serve another year. Expenses have been somewhat heavier this year than previous years but the stockholders are satisfied with the business and the income received from rentals on this excellent building.

Another Quay county boy has given his life in France that we may enjoy liberty and peace at home. This is another reason why we should buy Liberty Bonds. Edward D. Fisher's name appears in the casualty list today in the Albuquerque Herald. His home was at Plain, N. M., where his parents resided. He has given his all and his efforts will not be in vain because the American boys have put the Hun to flight and it looks like victory and the end of the war is now in sight. Edward was killed August 28.

## LETTER FROM HENRY HATCHER

France, Aug. 4, 1918

Dear Sister:—  
I will try and write you a few lines after so long a time. Would have written sooner, but haven't been where I could write handy, and I knew mother would let you know that I was getting along all right, and that is about all we can write. There is lots to write if we could write it, but a fellow never knows where a letter will wind up. Therefore, we are not permitted to write very much, which is a good idea.

This is sure one pretty country, but everything is pretty badly out of date; in fact, they are still using the old two wheel carts, that you see in pictures of things, and places that are a hundred and fifty years old. Stone houses without any nails in the wood work. Things look about like I imagine they did in the year of one. I always thought the U. S. being a new country would be away behind the times on every thing, but it is just the other way. We are up-to-date, and every day I live I get prouder of the dear old U. S. A. and also of our boys. Say, you don't know how to appreciate a true American until you see them in action and then you will come to see why America is the country she is, and never knew what defeat was.

Geel but I am proud to be an American not but what other nations are fine and dandy and doing their bit like men. Still I don't want to trade our country for no other and after this war is over the old U. S. A. for me. As I have seen all the other countries that I care to see. Just one small bit of the U. S. will be large enough to see all I care to see. I haven't got a letter from nobody, so far, so don't know whether you are well, dead, sick or what, but well I hope. Guess I will get some mail before long, hope so anyway. As I want to know how you are getting along. As for me I am doing everything I can which is not much, and still everything is so different from what we are used to that it is quite interesting and I am glad that I got to come across, as I am trying to do my small bit for our country and of course want to see everything that I can for my own personal amusement.

HENRY C. HATCHER,  
Co. F., 30th Inf. A. E. F.

## CONCERT POSTPONED

Uncontrollable circumstances have made it necessary to postpone the first Philharmonic concert until Wednesday, October 16th, but the second concert will come off according to schedule on Thursday, October 17th. The kindness of Mr. Hurley has made it possible to use the H-H Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The well-known publishers, Otto Zimmerman & Son of Cincinnati have promised to deliver one thousand copies of Mr. Hoering's latest musical composition, "Liberty's Lullaby" by Monday and this will be sung by Miss Dillon Cobb Brown and the chorus, accompanied by Mr. James's Saxophone Quartet. All the profits from the sale of this song during next week will be given to the local Red Cross Society. Space does not permit of giving all the names of those taking part in the two best musical programs ever given in Tucumcari, but complete programs will be on display soon. The musical director, Rev. Hoering, states that he has put more real effort into this undertaking than he has ever before put forth, either in the United States or Europe. Many think that the combination ticket for the two concerts should be at least three dollars, but the Chamber of Commerce, who with the Masons, form the ticket selling committee, has decided to keep the price down to one dollar, in order that every patriotic citizen may have an opportunity to take in the big concert. Arrangements have been completed to bring in Viola Wilson-Wilson and Chas. Andrews, who will both appear on both nights.

Marion Gregg, killed in France, on Sept. 6th, 1918, was born in Mason county, W. Va., May 1, 1888. He came to Santa Rosa when a boy of 17. He went to Globe, Ariz., where he was in the undertaking business. He went to Winkelman, Ariz., where he went into training in June and was selected for over sea. He has been over only a few months.

He leaves mother and brother in New Mexico, and two brothers in the east, also four sisters, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Knowschild, Douglas, Ariz., Mrs. Weigand of Scotia, Washington, Mrs. Rainwater of this city.

A precious one from us is gone,  
The voice we loved is stilled.  
A vacant place is in our home  
Which never can be filled.

Mrs. Lovelady and daughter, Daisy, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ritz drove to Plainview in their Ford last week to visit Jimmie, who is in Wayland College there. They visited Mrs. Lovelady's cousin in Amarillo and some friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ritz at Wayside, Texas. They found Jimmie doing fine with exception of a sore throat, but think he will be out soon. The roads on the plains are fine. Mrs. Lovelady's brother, Will Gartin returned with Rosa to await his call to the army.



SERGEANT FRANK HALEY

September 27, 1918.  
Sergeant Frank Haley was born in America. The Sergeant has a brogue that came from "Ould Ireland," and he is proud of it; as proud as he is of his six wounds. The Germans ripped up his back leaving a scar nine inches long, they shot away his spleen, they broke his arm and his leg, and they forced him to undergo four operations in order to get straightened out, but the last thing he said to the writer was, "I will be back here next Spring and I will get a dozen more of these Germans."

For eight months in 1917, Haley fought on the Flanders Front and then at the Somme. His regiment, the Eleventh Engineers was quartered with British, Canadian, and Irish Guards. He loves them all, and says that these nationalities together with the Americans, can lick the whole world, let alone the Germans, and said he, "they can do it in spite of the presence of the Irish." The Sergeant tells two good stories. One of how he was shot at when he was going back in an ambulance, and a German flyer swooped down and riddled it with machine gun. Another of a boy who fought with him, young Edwards, of Brooklyn, New York, who, surrounded by Germans lost his gun, but found a spade—with this he killed three Germans, took the gun of one of the dead men and shot three more Germans. Haley found the seven bodies the next morning, bearing tribute to the magnificent bravery of this Yankee boy.

Don't miss seeing and hearing these American heroes with the Relic train Friday evening. There will be other speakers present. Come out.

## LETTER FROM FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

My Dear Mr. Goldenberg:  
Just in receipt of your letter of October 3rd, relative to the cash and carry methods in your town.

In reply beg to state that the Food Administration at Washington has impressed this upon us for many months past and have been very insistent on our complying. This system of cash and carry enables the merchant to sell the necessities of life at a cheaper price, and in these times of great need of conservation if a citizen is so overburdened with cash he may hire his goods delivered. It is a patriotic duty for any man in these trying times to take his basket and go to market and carry his provisions home, unless his load is so heavy that he needs a dray, and if he needs a dray it is his patriotic duty towards conservation to pay it from his own pocket.

The Food Administration has been very lenient with the public, and now that it is in good working order and has made a success, we see that the War Industries Board has taken in hand the regulation of the price of shoes and will take in hand the regulation of the price of dry goods, thus enabling the poor people to live at the tremendously increased cost of living. The Government in every line of business has advocated the cash and carry system, even down to ice.

The people of New Mexico, according to population, have responded more to the cause of saving than any state in the Union and particularly with regard to the amount of flour actually saved per capita and the amount of sugar. Our Spanish-American friends have responded nobly and have given us every assistance that American people could give. The housewife realizes that when she does her own delivering she is releasing some able bodied boy or man for service either in the War Industries or in the battle line, and she can be no greater patriot in any other line.

The many good things that have been said by the Food Administration of the people of New Mexico are certainly gratifying to us all, and the Food Administration through Mr. Hoover personally, at Washington, has requested this office to thank individual by each county food administrator in New Mexico, for the great work they have accomplished. We feel sure that when the public in general realizes what a great help they are to our Government inco nerving labor at this time, they will gladly increase their efforts.

Yours very truly,  
H. G. BUSH,  
Acting Federal Food Administrator.



PRIVATE JOLLY

Private Jolly, Company G, 166th Ohio Infantry—Jolly in name and disposition—is the unanimous opinion of the five wounded comrades who with Private Jolly are touring the Eleventh Federal Reserve District under the direction of the United States Government during the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Private Jolly saw active service with the American unit on the Chateau Thierry front.

We went over the top on August 3. These are Private Jolly's own words in telling his story. "We advanced until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when along came a Dutchman in an aeroplane and got our range. I ducked into a ditch just as a dud fell about two feet ahead of my hiding place, and didn't explode. I got up and beat it and had gone about 200 yards when a piece of shrapnel got me in the hand. I thought it had just shot my gun away, but when I reached for my gun found that my hand was all shot up.

I made it back to the bushes where with my teeth and left hand I got my first aid kit open and fixed up the wound as best I could. I started back and a machine gun bullet got me in the leg. I had to wait awhile until the firing was over, then walked back to the dressing station."

With the Relic train Friday night.

## FORREST ITEMS

Mr. Chester Ball made a flying trip to Clovis last week.

The singing at Frio View was excellent Sunday night.

Mr. F. W. Hass delivered a beef to M. B. Goldenberg, Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Hudson and son were the guests of Mrs. L. D. Shelly, Sunday.

The farmers are real busy harvesting their little bit of crop at present.

Mr. J. W. Beevers and Clay Kitchen made a business trip to Clovis, Saturday.

Mr. High Hudson, is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hudson.

Mr. Kimmons and son have just returned from Roswell with two loads of apples.

Mrs. Johnnie Caton and Miss Ora McMen were the guests of Misses Clella and Alta Hudson, Sunday afternoon.

The Sunday School Sunday afternoon was well attended and each reported they enjoyed the S. S. also the singing afterwards.

The pie supper was well attended Saturday night and we appreciate the loyalty shown by each and every one by coming and contributing to A. R. C.

School opens at Forrest Monday, October 14, at 9 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come on the first day of the beginning of school. Also the children with books ready for work.

This is one of the most important things we want our children taught in the rural schools and that is the real importance of the value of an education. Never in the history of the world has the value of education been so keenly appreciated as it is today. Never before has so high a premium been placed upon skill, insight and intelligence. Never before has the dynamic force of great ideals been so conclusively demonstrated.

The large recognition given by the government to the educational factor in the war problem, should be an inspiration to every teacher in the land. Literally hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians are today enrolled in special types of schools organized by the Government. The students army training corps has brought thousands of young men under the stimulus of high education in preparation for their work as soldiers. The boys and girls in the lower schools may well find in these facts a powerful motive for attacking vigorously and aggressively the work of the year. They should see clearly that it is not courage alone that is going to save democracy; it is not material resources alone. In addition, there must be knowledge, skill and right ideals. Every gain that a pupil makes in these, is a gain for the nation. Every good lesson learned, every needed skill brought closer to perfection, every clear insight won by hard, persistent systematic thinking, is a step toward making the world safe for democracy. The "school slacker" is no patriot.

## MAYOR JAMES ASKS CITIZENS TO BE CAREFUL AND CLEAN

The influenza situation in Tucumcari on this date is in a way very gratifying, we have something like seventy cases now with no deaths reported to date. Several new cases are showing up daily which goes to show that the people are not living strictly up to the rules of the quarantine. I have been in communication with the Federal health officer of this district and he advises that personal prevention consists in avoiding of close personal contact with other persons and avoid of the common use of drinking or eating utensils, towels, etc. That the people should not be permitted to loiter in stores pool hall and other places reputable or otherwise.

The cases reported in Tucumcari are all of a light nature owing I take it to the fact that those who have it are taking care of themselves by calling a doctor and staying in bed until the danger is past. The disease to start with is nothing more than a severe case of what we call the grip. If it is allowed to run its course it is likely to develop into influenza and this in many cases is fatal. All the advice I am able to give you as a preventative is that you do not come into close personal contact with other persons. Do not use public drinking cups nor towels. See that glasses that you use at fountains etc., are sterilized before you use them.

We have a few cases of typhoid fever in town. These cases as far as I can learn have been brought in from outlying districts for treatment. The typhoid germ originates from filth, such as open toilets, stagnant water or rotten offal of all kinds. Citizens using open toilets should at once see that they are put into a sanitary condition by the use of unslacked lime. Yards and alleys should be cleaned of empty cans and trash of all kinds. Waste water should not be emptied into the back yards. This will breed flies and flies will transport the germ of disease to your food and eventually to your family, and from one house to another.

Let us all have our back yards cleaned and burn the trash that will burn and have all empty cans etc. that will not burn hauled out of the city limits. This may be the means of avoiding a great deal of sickness in the city.

I hope that the citizens will assist the authorities in handling the present situation so that there will be no deaths in Tucumcari from influenza. Other towns smaller than Tucumcari have had many deaths and I cannot help but think that in many cases it is carelessness. I do not believe that the disease is fatal in this country if the case is taken care of as it should be. If you have a cold and think you have the influenza, call a doctor at once, go to bed and do as he tells you. This may seem unnecessary advice, but we have families who allow their children to die without ever calling a doctor.

Lets have a clean-up day at once and see if we cannot get by this year without our usual epidemic of sickness.  
M. R. JAMES, Mayor.

## REPORT INFLUENZA CASES

The following letter has been received from the State Board of Health and Medical Examiners, and is self-explanatory:

"The attention of Local Health Officers is again called to the fact that, at the request of the Public Health service, influenza has been made a reportable disease in this state. Health officers will see to it that this ruling is made public and enforced. Keep the Secretary of State Board of Health informed of the occurrence of influenza—number of cases and locality. Upon appearance of local outbreaks order discontinuing of all public meetings, closing of all schools and places of public amusement.

State Board of Health.  
W. E. Kaser, Sec'y."

The Bay View Club held its opening sessions Oct. 2 at the home of Mrs. Dodson. An interesting program was rendered, discussions were enthusiastic and all present declared it a very helpful as well as enjoyable afternoon.

After business session club adjourned to meet Oct. 16 with Mrs. Sands.

At this time the following program will be given:

Roll Call—A New Mexico Co. with Co. Seat.  
Map Study of Railways and Highways—Mrs. Savage.  
New Mexico Among the States—Mrs. Coddington.  
Woman's Status in New Mexico—Mrs. Prentice.  
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Goodman.

Citizens of Tucumcari are urged to decorate their residences and places of business on Liberty Day, Saturday, October 12. Flags should be displayed throughout the day, and shop windows decorated in patriotic style. A vigorous campaign of bond selling will be carried on during the day. Attempts will be made to round up every person who has not yet purchased a Liberty Bond. It is hoped that the bond subscriptions for the day will total a large sum. An unusual amount of pep will be put into the work to overcome the possible effect of the German peace talk.

## QUAY COUNTY GOING OVER THE TOP—NOW HAVE OVER \$100,000

Last week the News mentioned the successful trip of the Liberty Loan Touring Committee to the Plains and various other parts of the county. The trip was finished Friday and Saturday by the committee accompanied by the band and J. D. Gresham as speaker. They left Tucumcari on the 8:20 a. m. train for Nara Visa, where they were dined. After dinner they were taken in cars to Lockney, 16 miles north west where a small audience greeted them, but a nice amount was sold, something over \$1050. From there the committee returned to Nara Visa for supper and the big rally. A nice program was given by the band and J. D. Gresham made an excellent appeal to the patriotism of the community to buy bonds. More than \$8,000 were sold and many more were promised. After the meeting adjourned a dance was given and the Tucumcari delegation enjoyed a night out. The homes of Nara Visa were thrown open to the visitors.

Saturday morning some more soliciting was done before the committee left for Obar. At Obar another large audience greeted the Liberty Loan Workers. The school had prepared a program which was given in connection with the band and speakers. The quota for Obar was set at \$4000 and all except \$300 was raised before the meeting adjourned. A big feed consisting of everything good to eat was spread at the noon hour and it goes without saying that all enjoyed themselves immensely. There is no doubt about Obar going over the top, she's about over now.

From Obar the delegation was accompanied by a number from Nara Visa and Obar to Logan. The program was advertised for night, but on account of circumstances it was changed to 4 o'clock. The meeting was held at the school house.

After a selection by the band the school children under the supervision of Mrs. Bond and Miss Ruby Besse, put on a patriotic program which was quite appropriate and much appreciated by all. The two solos by Mrs. Mitcham were excellent. Mr. Gresham of Obar spoke in the interest of the bond issue. This was followed by Mr. Gresham and Mrs. Earl George, but enthusiasm was not as great as other places owing to some misunderstanding and Logan's quota did not reach the \$3,000 mark. This does not mean that Logan is not alive to the needs of the government. She will come across with her part before the 19th, as the local committees are working hard to put them over the top.

Oscar Sandusky in charge of the singing and chorus and Paul R. James leader of the band, were favorites everywhere they performed, and they performed every where they stopped. Mrs. J. D. Gresham and Mrs. Earl George took turns telling of the woman's part in this war and it caused many men to buy bonds for their wives and daughters.

The committees returned to Tucumcari Saturday night tired but happy, having enjoyed the trip and done all they could to put Quay county over the top again.

Tuesday night an open air meeting held in Tucumcari. The Tucumcari band and Liberty Chorus entertained the large crowd for some time. Then Senator Rutherford, of Arizona, was introduced by S. M. Wharton, and he made a most excellent appeal for the Fourth Liberty Loan. The committees worked the crowd and pushed Quay county up to the \$100,000.00 mark and leaves but \$39,000 to raise. This looks mighty good for a community which has suffered from drought for the past two years.

The railroad ward has subscribed nearly \$40,000. They are proving themselves 100 per cent Americans.

## EXPLANATION TO APPEAR CONCERNING EXP. FARM

Damaging remarks about crop conditions on the Experiment Farm, are reported to have been made by a party in Tucumcari. Quite a lengthy answer has been handed in by the superintendent. This article will appear in full next week, but on account of other articles it has been crowded out this week.

There have been several deaths reported from influenza, but the undertaker has no knowledge of these deaths. Those knowing of deaths should report same as it is hard for the county health authorities to keep track of them unless they are informed. One man who is reported to have died every day this week, is still alive. He has typhoid and has been sick for several weeks. It is thought now he will recover. There are perhaps one hundred cases of cold, grip and influenza in Tucumcari, but few of the patients are down in bed. Reports without any foundation injure the business of any town and should not be repeated.